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SUBJECT: KENYA FOREIGN MINISTER ON U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. IN AMBASSADOR'S FIRST MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI FOLLOWING LATTER'S RETURN FROM SC DEBATE ON ENTEBBE RAID AND SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON JULY 19-21, WAIYAKI ON AUGUST 3 PROVIDED SOME DETAILS ON HIS CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING MILITARY ASSISTANCE WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND WITH 8 SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

2. WAIYAKI SAID HE HAD ASKED THE SECRETARY FOR ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT FOR KENYA IF THIS WERE POSSIBLE. HE EXPLAINED THAT KENYA WANTED TO GET THIS REQUEST ON THE RECORD EARLY, ALTHOUGH GOK REALIZED THE ADDITIONAL PLANES WOULD NOT BE IN THE PRESENT PACKAGE. HE HAD ALSO ASKED FOR THE ADDITIONAL PLANES TO BE PROVIDED ON A GRANT BASIS. WAIYAKI STATED HE ASKED THE SECRETARY FOR EXTENDED CREDIT TERMS IN LIGHT OF KENYA'S FINANCIAL SITUATION. ACCORDING TO WAIYAKI, THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS SHOULD BE TO WRAP UP THE CURRENT PACKAGE OF F-5E'S, AND THE MATTER WAS LEFT THERE.

3. WAIYAKI CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD SEEN 8 SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES, ALTHOUGH MEETINGS HAD BEEN VERY BRIEF

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IN SOME INSTANCES (E.G., SEN. INOUE HAD BARELY COM-

PLETED PLEASANTRIES WHEN HE WAS SUMMONED FOR A ROLL CALL.) WAIYAKI SAID SEN. CLARK INFORMED HIM THAT HE WAS WITHDRAWING RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL FOR F-5E SALE, WHICH IN ANY EVENT HAD BEEN MAINLY A TACTIC FOR PREDIPITATING DISCUSSION OF ARMS SALES TO AFRICA. CLARK SAID HE PLANNED INSTEAD TO LOOK INTO ENTIRE QUESTION ON AFRICA-WIDE BASIS LATER IN YEAR. ACCORDING TO WAIYAKI, CLARK DID NOT FEEL F-5E SALE CONTRIBUTED TO ARMS RACE, AND INDEED EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS HE SAW WAS "ALL IN FAVOR" OF F-5E PACKAGE.

4. WAIYAKI SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED OPINION IN WASHINGTON (NOT CLEAR WHETHER TO SECRETARY OR TO CONGRESSMEN) THAT ALTHOUGH SOME TRAINING FOR F-5E SHOULD BE DONE IN U.S., HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE TRAINING CONDUCTED IN KENYA TO GIVE GREATER VISIBILITY TO F-5'S. COMMENT: IT WILL BE FEASIBLE TO CONDUCT FLYING TRAINING IN KENYA ONLY AFTER FIRST F-5F (TWO-PLACE) AIRCRAFT ARE DELIVERED AND TWO KENYANS COMPLETE TRAINING AS INSTRUCTOR PILOTS--ESTIMATED MID-1978. END COMMENT.

5. WAIYAKI SOMEWHAT APOLOGETICALLY MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HOPED FOR EARLIER DELIVERY OF PLANES--POSSIBLY EVEN THIS YEAR--TO DEMONSTRATE THAT GOK WAS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT EXTERNAL THREAT. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD MAKE THIS INFEASIBLE, SUCH AS RUNWAY EXTENSION, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF GROUND EQUIPMENT, PILOT TRAINING, ETC. WAIYAKI DISPLAYED FAMILIARITY WITH THESE ARGUMENTS AND DID NOT PRESS THE ISSUE. HE SAID "WE UNDERSTAND, BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS HERE. THE PEOPLE ARE UNDER A LOT OF TENSION. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE BEEN STEADY, VERY STEADY, AND MARCH 1978 SEEMS A VERY DISTANT DATE GIVEN TODAY'S SITUATION." MARSHALL

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